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Tip ‘Tops’

The ladies of **Tops in Blue** perform for a capacity crowd at the Abilene Civic Center, Monday. The 90-minute free show features a full cast of Air Force active-duty volunteers who entertain more than 350, 000 people in over 20 countries around the world. The theme for this year’s show is “Soaring with Eagles.” It celebrates the past 50 years of **Tops in Blue** and the past 100 years of powered flight. For more about **Tops in Blue** see Page 9.

Annual
Awards
named

By Staff Sgt.
Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess honored its top performers for 2003 during the annual awards ceremony Wednesday night at the Abilene Civic Center. Lt. Gen. Thomas Goslin, U.S. Strategic Command deputy commander, was on hand to present the awards. Outstanding performers of the year for the 7th Bomb Wing and 317th Airlift Group were recognized, taking home trophies in the airman, NCO, senior NCO, company grade officer, honor guard airman, honor guard NCO and civilian employee categories. The 7th BW and 317th Airlift Group winners go on to compete in the 12th and 15th Air Force competitions respectively, where they earn their chance to be nominated for their respective command-level awards and higher. There are no higher headquarters competitions for civilian and honor guard awards. For more coverage and a list of Annual Award winners, see Page 9.

Character = courage to do right thing

By Gen. John P. Jumper
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

Our Air Force has a proud history of accomplishments that traces directly to the quality of people that make up the total Air Force team. At every base, wing and deployed site our airmen rise to challenges every day demonstrating their loyalty and dedication. I am proud to be part of this prestigious team. But, I am always dismayed when I learn of an airman who, as a result of a bad decision, faces disciplinary action. I wonder if there was a way to help this person, or if someone sitting down with this airman could have prevented this situation. Because of this, I feel it is essential to reinforce the full meaning of our concepts of character and the standards our core values provide us. Character comprises the emotional, intellectual and moral qualities that distinguish one group from another and the judgment to discern them. Our core values and the unique demands of military service undergird our Air Force character. These values -- Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do endure as the fundamental standards of behavior of our Air Force team. But, character can be an elusive concept not readily apparent, as it encompasses so many qualities. The true foundation of character is not merely knowing the right thing to do, but also having a firm conviction and the courage to act upon such knowledge. This conviction requires solid moral fiber and ethical strength to do what is right

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even if no one is there to witness your actions. Our actions over time define our character, just as our character delineates our lasting reputation. When we make the wrong choices, both our character and our reputation are damaged. Character can rapidly deteriorate when we fail to hold others and ourselves to the high standards our Air Force professional demands. The responsibility of enforcing core values does not fall solely to senior leaders and commanders. Every airman must embrace and reflect these values, both on- and off-duty. We must reflect these fundamental values

in our daily conduct and help develop those attitudes in others. If you see a fellow worker or friend cut corners and don’t say anything, you are condoning what they are doing. Failing to correct or report instances where the rules are broken, selectively enforcing rules or turning a blind-eye to marginal behavior or performance can perpetuate negative attitudes that can infect organizations. We are all responsible for each other and it is essential that we all share a collective sense of mission, values, and culture. If we don’t, we become part of the problem, and jeopardize the mission and the lives of our men and women. Every member of the Air Force must embrace our core values as the guiding light that drives what we do. I challenge each of you to apply this philosophy in your service to the Air Force and this great nation.

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Texas Environmental Partnership visits Dyess

By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

The Texas Environmental Partnership will visit Dyess Wednesday and Thursday. The partnership is an environmental forum that promotes environmental initiatives between the State of Texas and nationally recognized agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, U.S. Coast Guard and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. “We are honored to be able to host the Texas Environmental Partnership,” said Lt. Col. Clinton Taylor, 7th Bomb Wing environmental manager. “Not only is it a major environmental forum, but the partnership requested to come here.” The partnership, which began in 1995, is an open discussion forum that helps members learn more about pollution prevention and conservation. Conference members also discuss the effects of new environmental laws on these agencies. “Dyess is really a unique place,” said Teresa Clouse, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight chief. “We are like our own little city, so under the law we should fall under a municipality. But we don’t -- we are a federal agency and must abide by these regulations. The Texas Environmental Partnership is a great opportunity because it allows us to examine new environmental laws and see how they really affect us and other federal installations.” Along with its regular topics of interest, the partnership also focuses on education. One highlight to this conference will be Dyess’ Environmental Management System. Dyess’ EMS is the base’s “game plan” for promoting, improving and maintaining environmental plans and programs. “EMS is a great asset to Dyess,” Mrs. Clouse said. “Because of its diversified nature, it improves us from the top down and from the bottom up. Through EMS we are able to improve training and maintain a higher level of involvement. This helps us not only excel with current programs but it also helps implement changes more efficiently.” Over the past few years, Dyess has been repeatedly recognized for its environmental efforts by the Department of Defense, Department of Energy and even the White House with projects such as the effluent water project, hazardous waste recycling program and renewable wind-energy initiative which made Dyess the number-one consumer of wind energy in the United States. But through it all, the Texas Environmental Partnership visit is about learning and improving. “The partnership is really an educational environment,” Mrs. Clouse said. “We can all come together to create better guidance and better understanding to make life environmentally better for everyone.”

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Dyess dining
facilities
revamp
dress codes

By Airman 1st Class
Kiley Olds
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess dining facilities implemented a new policy Feb. 9 that affects what type of civilian clothes customers may wear. The dress code applies to the Longhorn, Wings and Quick Stop Flight Kitchen dining facilities and prohibits a variety of clothing. According to the new policy, tank tops, halter tops, shower shoes, sweaty workout clothes, hats, scarves and bandannas are not authorized. In addition, civilian attire must be of good taste and free of obscenities, while those in uniform must still follow dress and personal appearance standards outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2903. See *Dress*, Page 4

Weekend Weather



SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 58°F
Low 38°F



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High 63°F
Low 43°F

Weather courtesy of 7th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

Dyess Air Force Base welcomes

Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr., Air Education and Training Command vice commander

Mentorship as service

By Maj. Ed Keller
7th Contracting Squadron commander

If leadership is about service, then the greatest expression of that service must be mentorship. Through mentorship, the leader serves not only the protégé, but also the mission for a leader has no greater calling than to make himself obsolete.

Admiral James Stockdale said, “What we need for leaders are men of the heart who are so helpful that they, in effect, do away with the need of their jobs.” Certainly this truth rings with particular resonance in our Air Force. Where would we be today if our past leaders, Generals like Arnold or LeMay, failed to pass on their wisdom, burnished by the trials of wars both hot and cold?

It is true that these great leaders led by example, but that alone was not enough. They also took purposeful action to forge subordinates into decisive, action-oriented leaders. Why? Because they understood to fail at mentorship was to fail in the whole. What value is it to succeed in your own era only to doom the next?

Mentors must remember that enduring lessons are borne of experiences both positive and negative. To prepare the next generation of leaders, one must shed the mask of detached invincibility which serves only to shield the protégé from the trials of leadership and compel them to view it as personally unattainable. You sharpen swords by

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Maj. Ed Keller
7th CONS commander



striking them upon stone, not by sparing them all resistance. Likewise, you sharpen a protégé into a leader by giving them ringside seats as you successfully (and unsuccessfully) grapple with challenges and allow them to fight battles of their own. Further, the protégé must view leadership as an achievable goal. Share your thoughts and instruct through your failings as you fashion solutions to problems. Your protégé must understand that effective solutions result from trial and error rather than the inspiration of a genius.

The protégé also bears responsibility. They must observe the leader, listen to their advice and practice what is taught. By actively observing a skilled leader, the protégé gains insight into the principles of effective leadership and arms themselves with the tools they will soon need. Conversely, the poor example of unprepared leaders provides its own lessons. Proverbs 12:15 says “The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.” So it is with protégés. A well chosen mentor offers the wisdom of hard-earned experience and is a

resource best exploited by protégés who are slow to speak and quick to listen. Thomas Robert Gaines said, “It is good to dream, but it is better to dream and work.” Good intentions vanish as vapor unless the protégé takes action in furtherance of noble purpose. Fortunately, few purposes are as noble as that which we serve -- the defense of liberty.

To lead is to serve and to serve is to mentor. The wise leader invests in those in their charge. Through word and deed, they discard pretenses and mentor their protégés in leadership's lessons, both positive and negative. Likewise, the astute protégé observes, listens and puts into practice all they have learned. The result for our Air Force and nation is a changing of the guard which has ensured the blessings of liberty for two hundred and twenty seven years. To fail at mentorship is to fail at that which we hold most dear. We all must take our places in the unbroken line begun by those great leaders so long ago and invest in those who will lead tomorrow's Air Force.

PUMA'S VECTOR



Wednesday night Dyess had the opportunity to honor some of its best and hardest workers in the Air Force when Lt. Gen. Goslin presented the annual awards. Not everyone could walk away with a trophy, but they should have all walked away knowing that they are winners.

Someone once said that champions are not born, they're made. General Jumper touches on this in his sight picture this week in which he talks about character and how it is comprised of our Air Force values. Those team members we saw at the awards ceremony are the living example of the character General Jumper is talking about. Their character helped them excel and get the job done.

Take a minute to read over General Jumper's sight picture to see if you are doing all you can to build a good character.

This week in AF History



Feb. 20 -- The Eighth and 15th Air Forces started “Big Week” -- six days of strikes against Germany in 1944.

Feb. 21 -- Republic P-47 “Thunderbolts” attacked Bercht-esgaden, Germany for the first time in 1945.

Feb. 22 -- The First American Air Headquarters in Europe during World War II was established in 1942.

Feb. 23 -- The War Department officially recog-

nized the Military Aviator rating in 1912.

Feb. 24 -- The Republic XF-91 jet aircraft was unveiled by the Air Force in 1949.

Feb. 25 -- A B-47 flew from California to Georgia in three hours, 19 minutes and 35 seconds in 1955.

Feb. 26 -- The Air Defense Command was created in 1940 to integrate United States Army Air Forces defenses against an air attack.

Great leaders overcome challenges

By Lt. Col. Mick Guthals
28th Bomb Squadron commander

Isn't it odd how we never seem to be short of leaders? They always seem to surface in surprising numbers whenever there is a crisis or an event of sufficient magnitude that we feel we need one of these gifted heroes. Often times the brilliant minds of newly discovered leaders grace us with simple quotes that summarize their greatest challenges. Some of these challenges are great such as the sacrifice or the exchange of life for God or country, so it's no surprise when these words were first uttered they memorialize or motivate super-human accomplishments. They spark a fire; they inspire victory.

Two hundred fifty years ago, on the eve of the American Revolution, John Adams spoke words with such impact that a young nation willingly ran off to war for their country... for justice... for liberty.

“Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives.”

To give to this obligation was easy. It was patriotic. It was right. One simple sentence called for the ultimate commitment and led to a powerful nation flowing with pride and independence.

A century and a half later, Sir Winston Churchill spoke a similar message as Great Britain prepared for the German attacks during World War II. Again, a great leader's words, grounded by crisis, sparked an intense flame and resulted in victory.



“You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves.”

These examples demonstrate a leader's ability to motivate citizens to greatness, but while both of these men were incredible leaders and demonstrated their leadership time and time again, the motivation for nations to take arms during the American Revolution and World War II were fairly easy tasks. It was not their brilliant words that motivated their nations -- it was a world in chaos around them.

Today we find ourselves in a situation that is a combination of American Revolution in resolve, World War II in treachery, but with a Vietnam like duration. Like the American Revolution, our enemy is among us and attempts to restrict our freedom and successfully eliminated freedom for many around the world. September 11, 2001 was our Pearl Harbor, and the battle has already raged

for twenty-nine months. Our military has had great victories against Al Qaeda and in Iraq, but there is little hope or expectation for a quick victory. Perhaps President John F. Kennedy summarized our challenge best in his 1961 graduation address at the United States Naval Academy:

“When there is a visible enemy to fight in open combat... many serve, all applaud and the tide of patriotism runs high. But, when there is a long, slow struggle with no immediate, visible foe, your choice will seem hard indeed.”

In many ways there is little difference between the conflict President Kennedy prepared our warriors for and that of today. While the conflict's roots are significantly different, our threat is the same; illusive, crafty, and well supplied. The resolve of our national leadership is the same -- dedicated, focused and in for the long haul.

While our modern weapons are more lethal than ever, our hero is still the American soldier. A soldier made of the same flesh and blood that dates back to our nation's birth. The American soldier is today, as he always has been, the challenge of the leader, and it doesn't matter whether you are a general or a lieutenant, a chief master sergeant or an airman, there is always an American soldier who needs and wants your leadership.

Honesty, dedication, loyalty, knowledge, and respect are a few tools of the leader. Respect being the key element for it is respect that the leader has little control over. It is something that must be earned

from each superior and subordinate. It is something that must be sustained. It is something that can be lost in an instant. Over one hundred years ago Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield, USA, mentored the graduating class at West Point on the importance of respect. How to gain it and more importantly, how not to lose it:

“The discipline which makes the soldiers of a free country reliable in battle is not to be gained by harsh or tyrannical treatment. On the contrary, such treatment is far more likely to destroy than to make an army. It is possible to impart instruction and to give commands in such a manner and such a tone of voice as to inspire in the soldier no feeling but an intense desire to obey, while the opposite manner and tone of voice cannot fail to excite strong resent and a desire to disobey. The one mode or the other of dealing with subordinates springs from a corresponding spirit in the breast of the commander. He who feels the respect which is due to others cannot fail to inspire in them respect for himself while he who feels and hence manifests disrespect toward others, especially his subordinates, cannot fail to inspire hatred against himself.”

For over 250 years America has had great leaders. Our great leaders come from all walks of life, have faced countless challenges and experienced a variety of outcomes. Certainly the American soldier is the military leader's challenge, and the American soldier's leadership challenge is respect. Conquer the challenge.



Action Line

The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. As a general rule, people should use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first, however, if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil and leave your message.

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Three-star general tours Dyess facilities

By Lt. Col. Charles Hyde
317th Airlift Group deputy commander

The commander of Air Mobility Command’s recently formed 18th Air Force toured Dyess and the 317th Airlift Group Feb. 5 as part of his trip to various 18th AF bases to meet and greet the airmen under his command.

Lt. Gen. Bill Welser was accompanied by his wife, Sue, and the 18th AF Command Chief Master Sgt. Ken McQuiston during his visit to the 317th Airlift Group and various Dyess facilities.

General Welser’s visit came on the heels of an historic AMC reorganization which supports the continued evolution of AMC into an efficient and effective mobility force which fully supports Air Force expeditionary operations.



General Welser

“Headquarters AMC is sharpening its focus on the non-warfighting functions of organizing, training and equipping mobility forces to meet the challenges of a smaller, more volatile and dangerous world,” said Col. Rich Johnston, 317th AG commander.

In addition to changes at HQ,

AMC’s two Numbered Air Forces, 15 AF and 21 AF, were consolidated into a single NAF with a mobility lineage -- 18th Air Force. Gen. Welser explained that 18 AF will focus on “the presentation of mobility forces to unified commanders” and will be responsible for the “execution of AMC’s operational mission.”

To make the organization effective, the Tanker Airlift Control Center will also report to 18 AF. Gen. Welser stated, “The TACC is our global Air Operations Center and allows 18 AF to fulfill the NAF roles of warfighting organization and mission execution.”

General Welser was “thrilled” to make his first visit to Dyess and meet with key base and civic leaders, but the key purpose of his visit was to meet the 317th troops.

“It was a privilege to have

General Welser visit Team Dyess, and more importantly share his vision and expectations with the 317th warriors,” said Lt. Col. D.B. Chandler, 40th Airlift Squadron commander.

In addition to visiting with the 317th flying, maintenance and support squadrons, General Welser presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony which officially opened the 317th Airlift Group’s Visual Threat Recognition and Avoidance Trainer, a cutting-edge system designed to improved crew skills in a combat environment.

While General Welser was visiting the troops and speaking at a chief’s luncheon, Mrs. Welser met 317th Airlift Group spouses and got a “behind the scenes” look at Dyess’ support agencies.

Mrs. Welser lauded the “model relationship between the 7th

Bomb Wing, 317th AG and local community” and expressed her appreciation for the base personnel who provide “essential services and support for the mobility families while their spouses have been deployed.”

General Welser concluded his visit with a commander’s call in which he presented Chief Master Sgt. Bob Myers with the Bronze Star for his leadership during Operation Enduring Freedom and the 317th Airlift Group with their fifth consecutive Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

“It is always nice to put a face to a name, especially our senior commanders,” said Senior Airman Jason Defrain, 317th Operations Support Squadron.

General Welser will return to Dyess March 15 for the 317 AG Change of command.

Next chief of USAF chaplain service visits Dyess today

By Chaplain (Capt.) Kevin Lockett
Dyess Chapel

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, Deputy Chief, Air Force Chaplain Service is visiting Dyess today and Saturday.

Chaplain Baldwin will be the keynote speaker for the 2004 National Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. today at the Heritage Club, and a guest panelist for the base’s second Commander’s Ethics Forum Friday at 3 p.m. today, also at The Heritage Club.

The Air Force announced recently that Chaplain Baldwin has been selected to succeed the current Chief of Chaplains upon her retirement later this year. In addition to greater responsibility as the “top

pastor” to the Air Force’s more than 2,350 active duty, Guard, and Reserve chaplains, the new job title also brings with it another star. As current Deputy Chief, Chaplain Baldwin has been one of three brigadier generals in the chaplain service -- one on active duty, and one liaison from each the reserve and Air Guard components. There is only one major general in the AF Chaplain Service. It is the highest rank to which a chaplain can attain.

Chaplains provide opportunities for the free exercise of religion to all Air Force members and their families worldwide. One important aspect of Chaplain Baldwin’s job as deputy chief has been to serve as a member of the Armed

Forces Chaplains Board. Board members advise the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on religious, ethical and quality of life concerns.

Chaplain Baldwin began his military career as a student cadet at the United States Air Force Academy in 1965. He received a bachelor of science degree from the Academy in 1969 and entered the undergraduate pilot training program at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. In August 1970, then-Lt. Baldwin flew the EC-121 with the 552d Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing at McClellan Air Force Base, CA. A year later, her returned to pilot training and transitioned from fixed wing to rotary wing aircraft. He piloted the HH-53



Chaplain Baldwin

rescue helicopter with the 37th Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron at DaNang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam and the 40th Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Nakhom Phanom Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand from May 1972 to March 1973. He

returned to the fixed wing EC-121 Warning Star until his separation from the Air Force in 1974. Ch Baldwin left the Air Force in August 1974 in response to what he believed was “God’s call for his life.”

Believing God had chosen him to serve as a pastor, Baldwin enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Air Force chaplains must have a Master of Divinity degree (or its equivalent), be ordained and endorsed for military chaplaincy by a recognized religious body, have two years post-graduate ministry experience, and meet all legal and physical requirements to serve as an Air Force officer.

He received his degree in 1977 and served civilian

churches in the Southern Baptist Conference for two years. Chaplain Baldwin returned to active duty in the chaplain service, and was commissioned Jan. 1, 1979.

Chaplain Baldwin has earned numerous medals including the Air Medal with three Oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, and the Legion of Merit.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Sanders, 7th Bomb Wing chaplain, said, “It is a privilege to have Chaplain Baldwin at Dyess. His distinguished career speaks well in and of itself. We look forward to hearing his encouraging words.”

Local Advertisement

TEAM DYESS
Warrior of the Week
Senior Airman Jeannette Kuntz

Unit: 77th Weapons Squadron
Job description: I schedule aircrew flying and ground training. In addition, I maintain mission information and planning data.
Job impact on the mission: My impact on the mission is to ensure safe and efficient air transport, making sure our aircrew has what it needs for a safe flight and trip back home.
Time in the Air Force: Three years
Time at Dyess: Two years
Family: Husband, Justin; Daughter, Jasmine.
Hometown: San Antonio
Career goal: To continue my education and earn my bachelor's degree.
Most rewarding job aspect: Knowing that I have done everything in my part to keep our aircrew members safe and ready for combat.
Favorite thing about Dyess: That it's only a couple of hours away from home.
Favorite thing about the Air Force: The camaraderie and esprit de corp of the unit.

Editor's note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron basis.



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Arbor Day

The "Tree City, USA" awards will be presented to Dyess today at 10:30 a.m. at the Heritage Club. Following the presentation of the awards, a ceremonial tree planting will be held.

Values

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Building character is a lifelong journey. Remember, it is not just knowing the right thing to do -- it is having the courage to do it. We have a responsibility to ourselves, the Air Force and our nation to maintain a team of unquestionable character.

Dress

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"Dress code policies in (military) dining facilities are not new," said Master Sgt. James Lind, Longhorn dining facility manager. "Military personnel are held to dress and appearance standards, both on- and off-duty."
Common courtesy, sanitation and health considerations were the primary factors involved with the dress code, Sergeant Lind added.
"Many facility patrons were observed utilizing the dining facilities in attire that was considered inappropriate for health reasons such as shower shoes, sweaty

workout gear, any clothing that exposes the armpits, sleep apparel and clothing with offensive language or graphics," Sergeant Lind said.
According to facility managers, the main goal of the new dress code is to ensure a healthy and safe eating environment along with maintaining good order and discipline.
"It is the patron's responsibility to comply with the dress code," Sergeant Lind said. "If a patron is found to be in violation of the dress code, they will be asked to comply. If someone cannot comply, they will be asked to leave the dining facility until they are in compliance with the policy."

Dyess chapel hosts gospel music festival Saturday

By Airman James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess Black Heritage committee hosts the 9th Annual Black Heritage Gospel Music Fest at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Dyess Chapel.
The event will feature a number of Abilene's best gospel choirs performing a variety of musical selections, as well as a brief history of gospel music.
"Music and religion have

been key elements in the survival of African-Americans since slavery days and still remain a vital part of our culture," said Ernesta Singleton, 317th Airlift Group secretary. "The program is basically a musical tribute to our heritage."
Local Abilene ministers will also be speaking at the event. Free-will offering will be accepted throughout the evening and will be donated to the Interested

Citizens of Abilene North. Refreshments will be served in the Chapel Annex immediately following the program.
The Black Heritage committee encourages everyone who is interested to participate and attend the event.
"It would be good for people to come out and hear some of the songs that helped our forefathers survive slavery, oppression, discrimination and

racism," said Ms. Singleton. "The special observance months were created so people could get a better understanding of the customs and cultures of people who are different than we are. This is just one activity that will help others get a better understanding of the African-American culture."
For more information, call Mrs. Singleton at 696-5859 or Terri Reeves at 696-4697.

The Race is on!

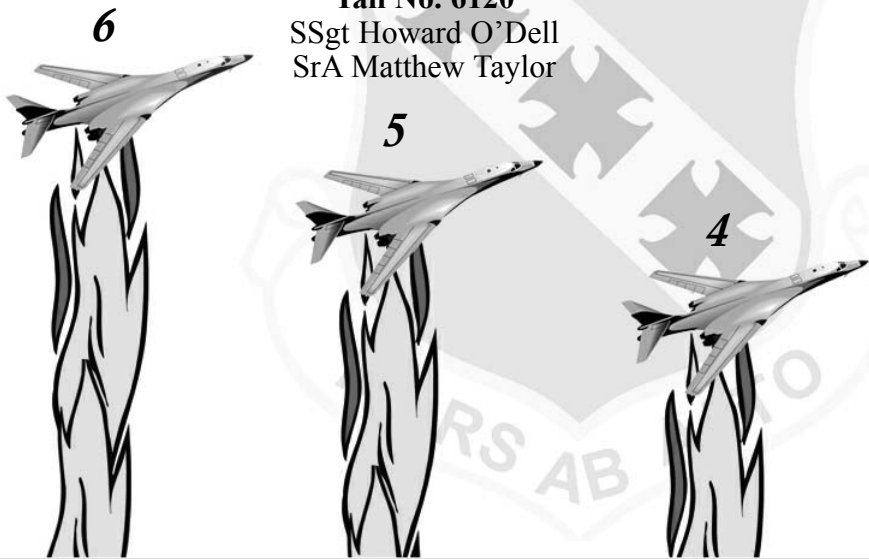
Most On-Time Takeoffs: Feb. 1-16

And the leaders are... for the 7th Bomb Wing:

Tail No. 5088
TSgt Mark Morris
SSgt Eugenio Benitez-Torres
Tail No. 5065
SSgt Aaron Clark
SrA Adam Mulkern

Tail No. 6108
SSgt Christopher Bush
SSgt Rufus Franklin
Tail No. 6126
TSgt Steven Howell
SSgt Dylan Michon
Tail No. 6132
SSgt Michael Fike
SSgt Jose Leos
Tail No. 6120
SSgt Howard O'Dell
SrA Matthew Taylor

Tail No. 6133
TSgt John Ammons
SSgt Dallas Osburn
Tail No. 6124
SSgt Tony Cuevas
SSgt Christopher Foy

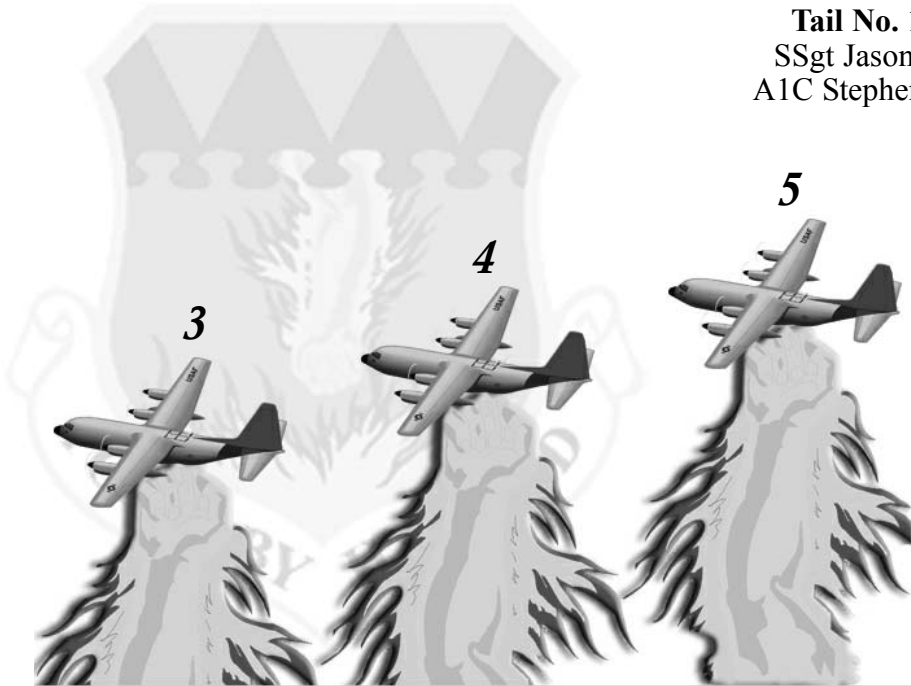


...for the 317th Airlift Group:

Tail No. 1671
SSgt Arthur Perez
SrA Christopher Jenkins

Tail No. 1582
SSgt Roger Scheibe
SrA Bradley Durbin

Tail No. 1674
SSgt Juan Chapa
A1C Devin Paskewich
Tail No. 1598
SSgt Timothy Thornton
SrA Robert Parson
Tail No. 1665
SSgt Jason Field
A1C Stephen Smith



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CALENDAR



Today, Feb. 20, 2004

National Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more information, call 696-4224.
Officer's Call, 4 p.m. at The Heritage Club.
Land and sea lunch buffet, all day at The Heritage Club.
Friday night social hour, 5 p.m. at The Heritage Club and Hangar Center.

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004

Thunder Alley, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more information, call 696-4166.
Late Night, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more information, call 696-2405.

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004

Sunday brunch, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more information, call 696-2405.

Monday, Feb. 23, 2004

Mexican lunch buffet, at The Heritage Club.
Intramural bowling, 5:30 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more information, call 696-4166 or your unit sports representative.

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004

Fried chicken lunch buffet, at The Heritage Club.
Tiny Tots reading program, 10 a.m. at the library. For more information, call 696-2618.
Bingo, 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more information, call 696-2405.
Dyess Toastmasters Club meets at 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at The Hangar Center.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004

Happy Landings, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the family support center. For more information, call 696-5999.
Barbecue lunch buffet, all day at The Heritage Club.

Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004

Asian lunch buffet, all day at The Heritage Club.

Upcoming events

Feb. 27-- Senior NCO/NCO induction ceremony
March 3 -- Wing Right Start

Dyess Chapel



Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is 9 a.m. Sunday School is 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.
Protestant: Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Shared faith worship begins 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts 1 p.m. Sunday. Sunday Night Worship Service is back from 4 to 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are available at all services.
Jewish: For information about the times and places of Jewish services, call Capt. Matt Paskin at 829-6149.
For more information, call the chapel at 696-4224.

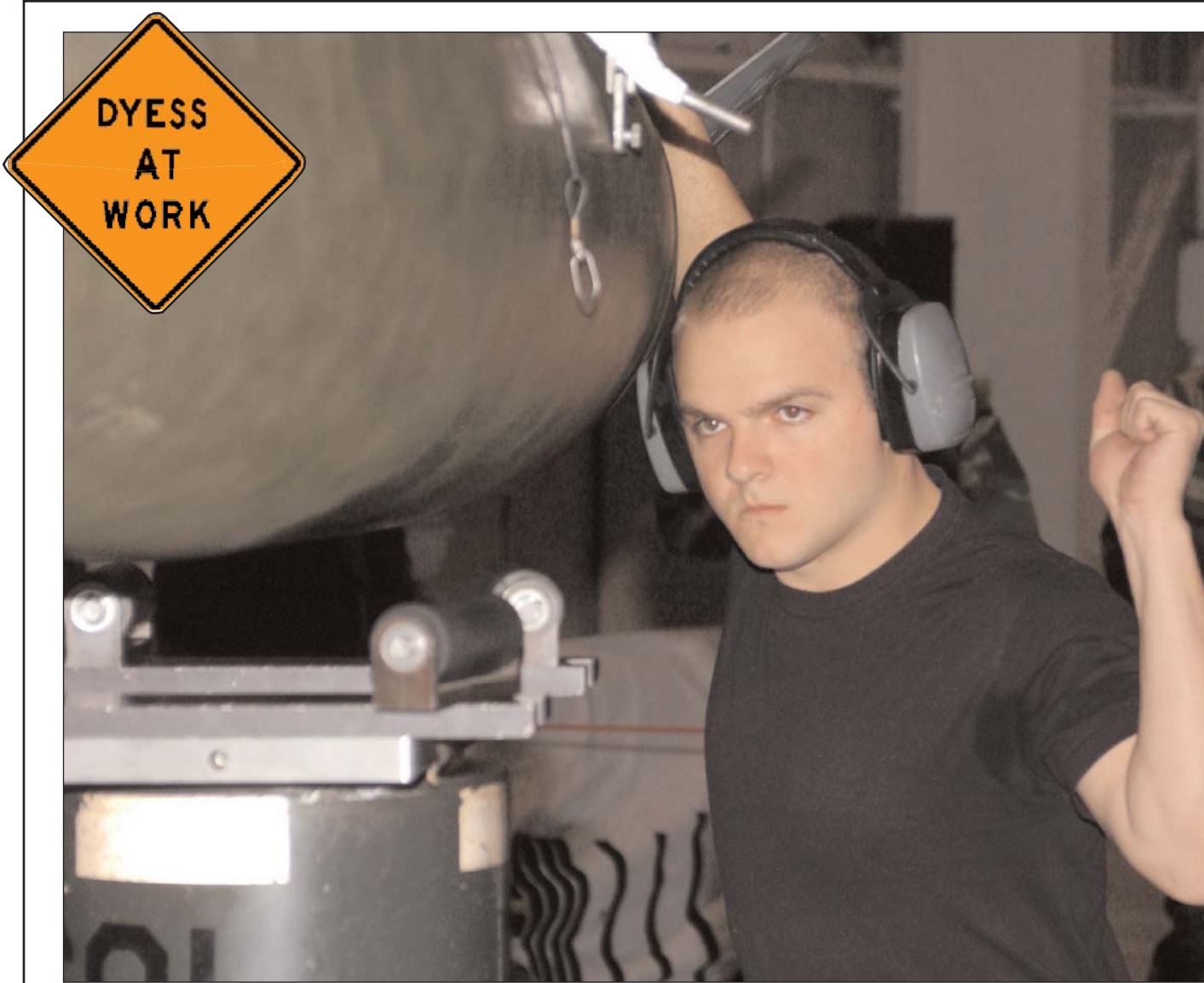


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Community



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Bombs on target

Airman 1st Class Brandon Neitz, 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, lowers a Joint Direct Attack Munition onto a transport for loading during the 2004 weapons load crew of the year competition. The XX AMU was announced this year's winner at the Annual Awards banquet Wednesday.

Community briefs

Retirement

Master Sgt. George Spindler's retirement is 3 p.m. today at The Hangar Center.
The reception will precede the ceremony at 2:15 p.m.
For more information, call 696-7408.

Thrift shop hours

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For more information, call 696-8203.

Blood drive

The next base blood drive is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at The Hangar Center.
People who've traveled or lived in Europe for three months or longer between 1980 to 1996 are unable to donate.
For more information, call Capt. Lenora Tso at 696-7248.

Deployment briefings

Base Family Member Deployment Briefings are from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday and March 1 and March 9 at the base theater.
Speakers from family advocacy, the Dyess Chapel, intel, legal and the family support center will be available.
For more information, call the family support center at 696-5999.

Enlisted Spouses club

The next Enlisted Spouses Club meeting is 7 p.m. at the base chapel Feb. 27.
The Enlisted Spouses Club meets every fourth Thursday.
Childcare is provided upon reservation and a small donation. For more information, call Jennifer Montgomery at 518-1531.

Observance committees

The military equal opportunity office is looking for volunteers to join committees for upcoming observance months.
The upcoming months are Irish History Month in March, Jewish Observance Month in April and Asian-Pacific Islander Month in May.
They are actively seeking a diversified group of volunteers interested

in any or all of the observances.
For more information, call Staff Sgt. Melida Edwards at 696-4226.

Dyess Toastmasters

The Dyess Toastmasters Club's next meeting is at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at The Hangar Center.
The club focuses on developing better speaking and presentation skills, leadership abilities and quick thinking abilities for its members.
For more information, call Patrick Clancy at 696-1046.

OSC scholarship

The Dyess Officers' Spouses Club is currently accepting college scholarship applications.
Eligible applicants must be a spouse of an active-duty military member or a graduating senior in high school who is a dependent of an active-duty military member or a dependent of a retired or deceased military member.
The OSC will be accepting applications until March 12.
For more information, call Dawn Willis at 698-4018 or Annette Macler at 660-9150.

Entertaining Briefs

Social hour

◆ The Heritage Club and Hangar Center host a social hour every Friday for club members from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Complimentary snacks and bar bingo are available.
For more information, call 696-2405.

Club breakfast

◆ The Heritage Club is hosting an “all you can eat breakfast buffet” from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every second Friday and third Wednesday of each month.
The cost is \$6 for non-club members and \$5 for club members.
For more information, call 696-2405.

Tickets

◆ The information, tickets and travel office now has Dallas Stars and San Antonio Spurs tickets available.
Special rates are also being offered for cruises. Dates and prices may vary.
For more information, call 696-5207.

Junior members

◆ The Heritage Club has junior memberships available to children 10 years old and younger. Junior membership features a kiddie brunch on the second and last Sunday of each month.
For more information, call 696-2405.

Library

◆ The Dyess Library offers a tiny tots reading program at 10 a.m. every Tuesday.
For more information, call 696-2618.

Skills Development Center

◆ Entries for the annual Air Force Artist Craftsman Contest will be accepted between March 2 and March 5.
◆ Dyess’ giant flea market “Shoppin’ in the Park” is scheduled for April 17. The Crafter’s Haven is now taking sign-ups for booth space.
For more information, call 696-4175.

Port Aransas fishing trip

◆ Outdoor recreation has a trip scheduled for April 2 through April 4 to Port Aransas, Texas. For details, cost and itinerary, call 696-2402.

Lifestyles

CAPTION Contest

This week’s photo (No. 3)



The rules:

- 1. Write a creative, printable caption for the above photo.
- 2. Email your entry by close of business Feb. 23 to peacemaker@dyess.af.mil. Entries are limited to three per photo.
- 3. Entries must include the photo number and your name with your duty phone number.
- 4. Contest winners are announced weekly.
- 5. All entries become the property of *The Peacemaker*.



‘Listen, I’m only going to say this one more time. You’re Gilligan and I’m the Skipper!’

The winner of the caption contest for the Feb. 13 issue of the *Peacemaker* is **Julie Corley**.
The runners-up are:

‘Is it normal for a person’s hand to shake like this after flying with you?’
-- Staff Sgt. Jerry Lindquester Jr., 7th Munitions Squadron

‘I’ll arm wrestle you for the pilot seat!’
-- Maj. Michael Jackson, Jr., 28th Bomb Squadron

The BIG Screen

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests. Admission for adults is \$2, children 6-12 years old are 99 cents, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. G-rated movies are 99 cents for kids ages 2-12. For more information, call 696-4320.

Today, 8 p.m.

Something’s Gotta Give -- *Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, Keanu Reeves* -- Harry (Jack Nicholson) is a New York music honcho with a sex drive much younger than his years.

During a romantic rendezvous with his newest girlfriend, Marin, Harry develops chest pains and winds up being nursed by Marin’s mother, Erica (Diane Keaton).
When he is reluctant to pursue Erica, a young doctor (Keanu Reeves) becomes smitten with her and Harry must fight to win her back.
Rated PG-13 (*sexual content, brief nudity and strong language*)

Today, midnight

Chasing Liberty -- *Mandy Moore, Matthew Goode* -- While on a diplomatic trip to Europe with her parents, First Daughter Anna Foster (Mandy Moore) exacts a promise from her father which allows her a single night of freedom, unescorted by the regular battalion of Secret Service agents that safeguard her

from danger. But when over-protective dad has a change of heart, Anna decides to take matters into her own hands.
Rated PG-13 (*sexual content and brief nudity*)

Saturday, 2 p.m.

Disney’s Teacher’s Pet -- *Nathan Lane, Kelsey Grammer* -- Spot (the voice of Nathan Lane) discovers a scientist who has the potential to let him realize his dreams of becoming a human boy.
Rated PG (*some mildly crude humor*)

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Chasing Liberty

Sunday, 2 p.m.

Disney’s Teacher’s Pet

Coming Attractions

- ◆ Feb. 27, 7 p.m. -- **Big Fish**
- ◆ Feb. 27, midnight -- **Torque**
- ◆ Feb. 28, 2 and 7 p.m. -- **Along Came Polly**
- ◆ Feb. 29, 2 p.m. -- **Big Fish**
- ◆ March 5, 7 p.m. and midnight -- **The Butterfly Effect**
- ◆ March 6, 2 p.m. -- **My Baby’s Daddy**
- ◆ March 6, 7 p.m. -- **Cold Mountain**
- ◆ March 7, 2 p.m. -- **Cold Mountain**

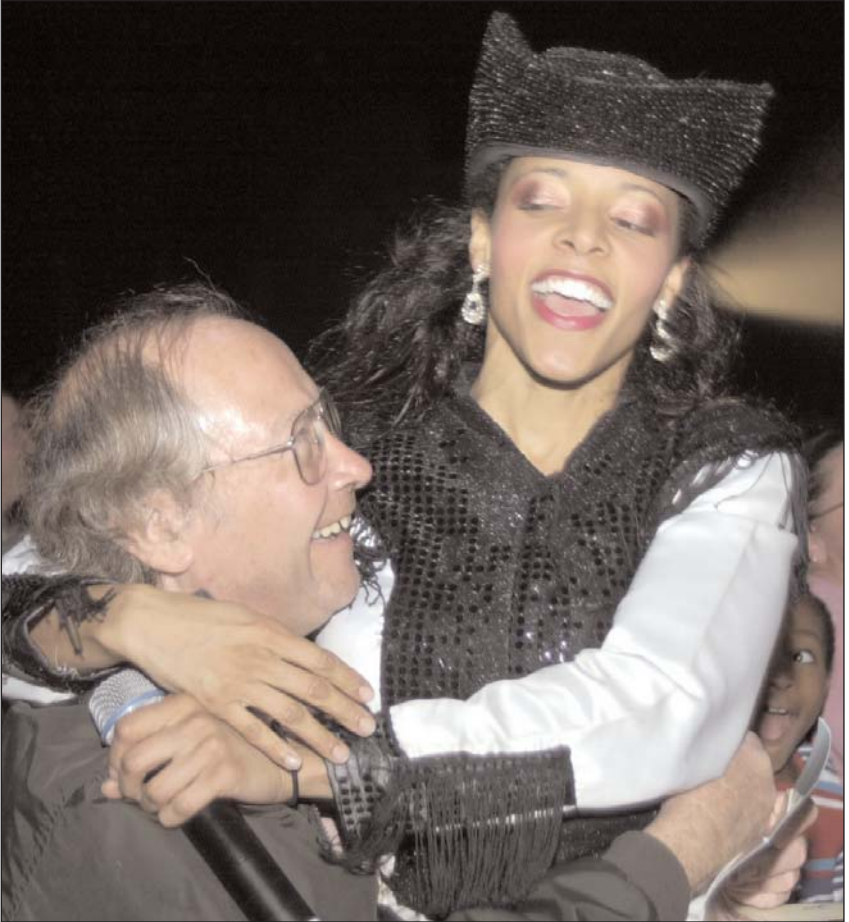
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50 years young

Tops in Blue celebrates 50 years of entertainment, 100 years of flight



Senior Airman Takeesha Washington-Nash croons on center stage Monday to a standing room only crowd.



Senior Airman Tamara Welch gives Damon Hipp a hug during the Tops in Blue performance.



Above: Staff Sgt. Charles Cook barks orders to his men during Tops in Blue's performance. As part of the show, Tops in Blue celebrated the last 50 years of Air Force entertainment and the past 100 years of powered flight by revisiting traditions and music of the past. Right: Senior Airman Chad Goff wails a tune during Monday's musical showcase.

Story and photos by
Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

As the red-velvet curtain slid away across the stage, the Air Force's premier entertainment extravaganza, Tops in Blue, opened its 2003 show for Dyess and Abilene at the Abilene Civic Center Monday.

Every year, Tops in Blue provides a showcase of Air Force men and women demonstrating their combined and individual talents in a themed performance. This year's theme is the "Soaring with Eagles."

"As the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers, Tops in Blue members are often challenged to excel under extreme conditions and timelines," said Tom Edwards, chief of Air Force entertainment and the director of Tops in Blue.

"It is under the stress of such circumstances that Tops in Blue teams throughout the years have proven their commitment to the Air Force and excelled as being the best of the best."

It is this commitment to excellence that this year's performance highlighted the past 50 years of Tops in Blue entertainment.

While visiting the past 50 years of music, this year's show performed a variety of well-known hits such as Glenn Miller's "In the Mood," Tina Turner's "Proud Mary" and the Village People's "YMCA."

Tops in Blue also performed music from artists such as the Supremes, Gloria Estafan, Boyz II Men and Ricky Martin.

This year's focus did not go unobserved by the audience.

"This year's show was just kickin'," said Master Sgt. Michael Grady, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection assistant manager. "When it comes to professional performances -- it was definitely a show worth watching."

While enjoying this year's performance, Sergeant Grady, a bass player, was a performer in last year's 2002 Tops in Blue tour.

During their 2003 entertainment tour, the entertainment group will visit more than 100 different locations in more than 15 countries such as Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium; Istres Air Base, France; Araxos Air Base, Greece and Volkel Air Base, The Netherlands. The Air Force entertainers will also visit a variety of locations such as Bosnia-Herzegovina, Hungary, Croatia,



Staff Sgt. Amber Grimes, performs Tops in Blue's rendition on "Stop! In the Name of Love" during the Monday's performance at the Abilene Civic Center. As part of the show's reflection of the past 50 years of musical entertainment, the troupe performed a variety of classic hits.

Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Honduras, Vietnam and Thailand.

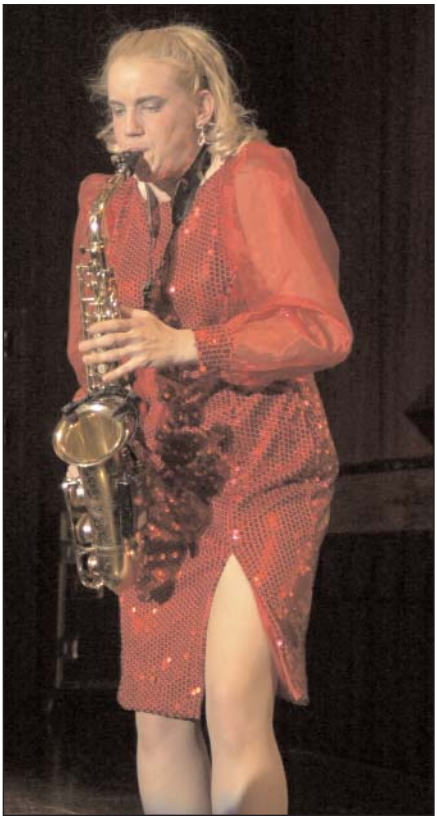
"It is with great pride that we represent both the United States Air Force and the United States of America around the world," Mr. Edwards said.

"We look forward to beginning our next 50 years and promise to continue to strive to present the highest quality performances possible."

Each year, Tops in Blue is made up of a variety of active-duty Air Force members who serve a year-long TDY to entertain audiences around the world.

The Tops in Blue team is composed of a variety of on- and off-stage positions such as vocalists, dancers, instrumentalists, comedians, magicians, dramatists, lighting and sound technical support.

For more information about becoming a member of Tops in Blue, call the Air Force Services Agency in San Antonio at (210) 652-6566 or visit the Tops in Blue Web site on-line at www.airforce-topsblue.com.



Airman 1st Class Courtney Johnson punches a saxophone solo during Monday's Tops in Blue performance.



Senior Airman Michael Eddolls gets a little country during the Tops in Blue performance.





Shining stars

Dyess' 2003 award winners



Airman



Senior Airman Lonnie Simmons
Unit: 7th Medical Support Squadron
Job title: Lab technician
Hometown: Arlington, Texas
Time at Dyess: Two years and six months
Time in the Air Force: Four years

NCO



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Clapper
Unit: 436th Training Squadron
Job title:
Hometown:
Time at Dyess:
Time in the Air Force:

Other annual award nominees...

Airman of the Year
Senior Airman Paula Browning, 7th Comptroller Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kaishla Holloway, 7th Operations Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class Teal Kolakowski, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Daniel Landford, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron
• Airman 1st Class Jennifer Stehr, 317th Maintenance Squadron

NCO of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Marlin Hill, 7th CPTS
Tech. Sgt. Steven Holland, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Christopher Rodgers, 7th Mission Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Felice Tuttle, 7th Medical Operations Squadron
• Staff Sgt. Stephen Martin., 39th Airlift Squadron

Senior NCO of the Year
Master Sgt. Lewis Williams, 7th CPTS
Master Sgt. Michael Butrovich, 7th OSS
Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Henson, 7th Munitions Squadron
Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Bush, 7th AMXS
• Master Sgt. Greg Kollbaum, 39th AS

Company Grade Officer of the Year
1st Lt. Christopher Heinning, 7th Bomb Wing
Capt. Jaime Hernandez, 9th Bomb Squadron
Capt. David Weide, 7th Communications Squadron
Capt. Colondra Howard, 7th Medical Operations Squadron
• Capt. Thad Middleton, 39th AS

First Sergeant of the Year
Senior Master Sgt. Debra Norris, 7th AMXS
• Master Sgt. Amy Morgan, 317th AMXS

Honor Guard Airman of the Year
Senior Airman Andrew Charter, 7th CMS
Senior Airman Joey Gilchrist, 7th Security Forces Squadron

Honor Guard NCO of the Year
Staff Sgt. Andrew Costa, 7th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Sergio Avendano, 7th CES

Civilian of the Year Category I
Leticia Balli, 7th CPTS
Kathleen Cobb, 39th Airlift Squadron
Pamela Aulerich, 7th Maintenance Group
Meridith Collins, 7th CES
Susan Pershing, 40th AS

Civilian of the Year Category II
Richard Avila, 7th CPTS
Jimmy Jillek, 436 TRS
Sharon Williams, 7th MOS
Timothy James, 7th MDSS
Scott Hudson, 317th OSS

Civilian of the Year Category III
Kenneth Clark, marketing and publicity
George Krauskopf, Dyess Inn
Joe Stouffer, outdoor recreation
Mitsu Austermann, Dyess Inn

• Team Dyess award winner. Winners will represent 7th BW and 317th Airlift Group in their category at 12th and 18th Air Forces respectively. There is no separate Team Dyess award for the Honor Guard or civilian categories.

Senior NCO



Master Sgt. Michelle Moreno
Unit: 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Job title: Aerospace medicine flight NCO-in-charge
Hometown: Cheverly, Md.
Time at Dyess: One year and two months
Time in the Air Force: Seventeen years and seven months

Company grade officer



1st Lt. Ryan Ross
Unit: 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Job title:
Hometown:
Time at Dyess:
Time in the Air Force:
Hobbies:
Goals:

First sergeant



Master Sgt. William Bingham
Unit: 7th Services Squadron
Job title: First sergeant
Hometown: Summerville, S.C.
Time at Dyess: Three years and four months
Time in the Air Force: Thirteen years and ten months

Honor Guard airman



Airman 1st Class Michael Bilharz
Unit: 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Job title: Crew chief
Hometown: Hershey, Pa.
Time at Dyess: One year and 10 months
Time in Air Force: Two years and four months

Honor Guard NCO



Staff Sgt. Julian Thomas
Unit: 7th Component Maintenance Squadron
Job title: Pneudraulics systems craftsman
Hometown: Douglas, Ga.
Time at Dyess: Seven years and 10 months
Time in the Air Force: Eight years and two months

Civilian category I

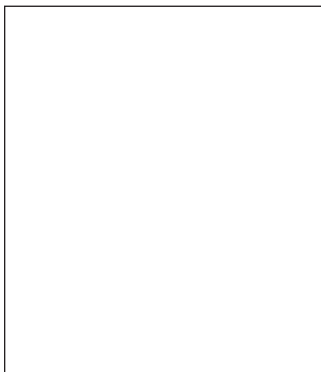


Lori Smith
Unit: 7th Medical Operations Squadron
Job title:
Hometown:
Time at Dyess:
Time as an Air Force civilian:

2003 commanders of the year



Lt. Col. Victor Rodriguez
Unit: 7th Munitions Squadron
Hometown:
Time at Dyess:
Time in the Air Force:



Lt. Col. Charles Hyde
Unit: 317th Airlift Group
Hometown:
Time at Dyess:
Time in the Air Force:

Civilian category II



George Denslow
Unit: 7th Civil Engineer Squadron
Job title:
Hometown:
Time at Dyess:
Time as an Air Force civilian:

Civilian category III



Mitsu Austermann
Unit: Dyess Inn
Job title: Custodial worker leader
Hometown: Okinawa, Japan
Time at Dyess: Twenty-four years and one month
Time as an Air Force civilian: Seventeen years and one-month.



2003 PUMA'S SPIRIT AWARD
Senior Master Sgt. Cheri Drysdale, 7th Bomb Wing
Capt. Brandon Miller, 9th Bomb Squadron
Senior Airman Jeffrey Christian, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees

Standings

Basketball

American League (Monday/Wednesday) Current as of Wednesday	
Team	Win-Loss
7 OSS	3-1
7 CMS #1	3-1
7 AMXS #1	3-1
9 BS/13 BS	2-1
317 AMXS	2-1
7 MUNS	2-1
7 CS #1	2-2
7 EMS	1-3
317 OSS	0-3
7 MDG	0-4

National League (Tuesday/Thursday) Current as of Wednesday	
Team	Win-Loss
Varsity	5-0
7 CES	4-0
7 AMXS #2	3-1
7 LRS	3-2
7 BW/MSS	3-2
39 AS	3-2
7 SFS	2-3
317 AMXS	2-3
7 CMS #2	1-3
7 CS #2	1-3
7 MOS	0-4

Over-30 League Current as of Wednesday	
Team	Win-Loss
7 LRS	2-0
7 BW/MSS/CPTS	3-0
7 MUNS	3-0
7 LRS	3-1
7 AMXS	1-2
7 EMS	1-2
7 MDG	1-2
317 AMXS	1-2

Bowling

National (Week 17)	
Team	Win-Loss
Beer Time	91-45
7 MOS	90-46
7 SVS	81-55
7 SVS Command	79-57
7 EMS	76-80
317 AMXS	74-62
7 AMXS #2	71-65
7 MDG	64-72
7 MSS	57-79
Fire Wire	48-88

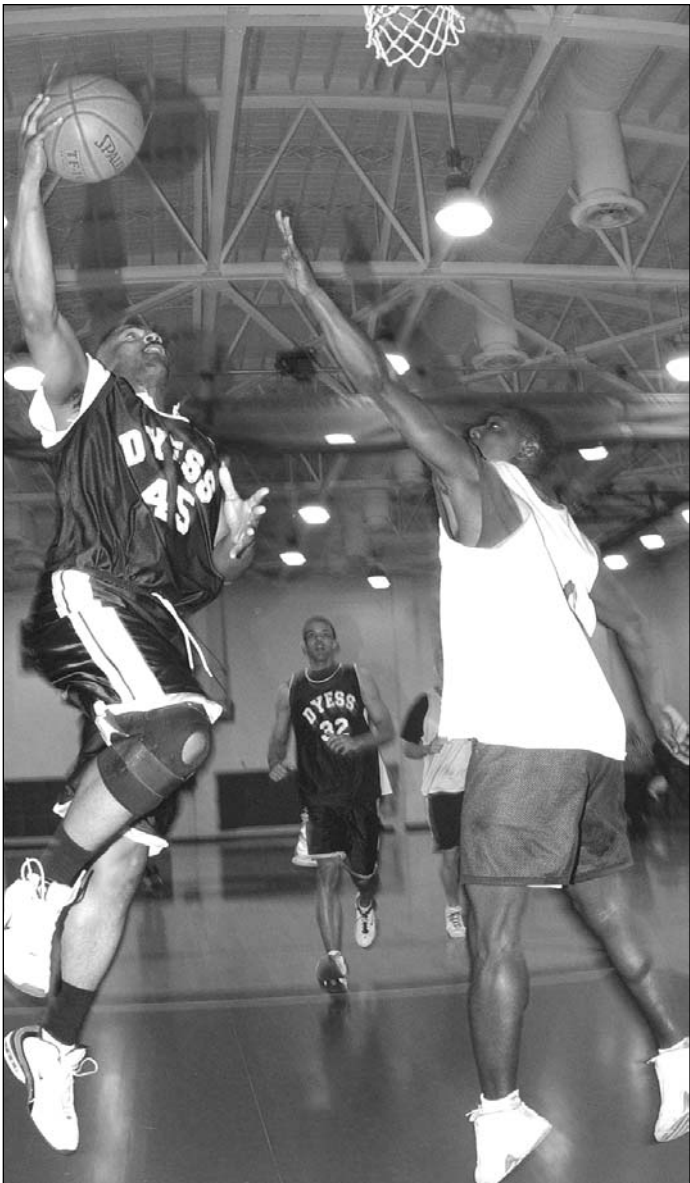
Dyess OSC (Week 22)	
Team	Win-Loss
Honey Kats	55-29
Wicked Women	50.5-33.5
Still Clueless	50.5-33.5
Hot Little Mamas	48-36
Herk Hotties	47.5-36.5
Consistently Incon	47-37
Pin Pals	46.5-37.5
Kingpins	42.5-41.5
The Niners	41-43
Pin Heads	40-40
Bowling Impaired	34.5-49.5

Dyess Friday Night Mixed (Week 20)	
Team	Win-Loss
Five	128-32
HMO	104-56
Got B	94-66
If I Know	87-73
D & D	78-82
Mixed Nuts	67-93
Six	62-98

Dyess Bantams (Week 17)	
Team	Win-Loss
Little Pins	19-1
Dynamic Duo	15-5
The Butterflies	14-6

Dyess Preps (Week 17)	
Team	Win-Loss
Spinnerz	54-14
Team Inferno	36.5-31.5
Thunder Pins	33-35

Juniors/Majors (Week 17)	
Team	Win-Loss
The Dominators	59-9
Kingpins	50-18
New-Bees	15-21



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

(Left) Varsity’s Robert Earl drives to the hoop as a 7th AMXS No. 2 player attempts to block. (Above) Lacy McNeil (right) and Robert Earl (center) close in on a 7th AMXS No. 2 player during intramural basketball action at the fitness center. The Varsity team combined defensive pressure with strong offense to defeat their opponents, 71-45, Feb. 11.

Varsity B-Ball team takes AMXS #2 to ‘hoop school’

By Airman James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

The Dyess Varsity basketball team combined defensive pressure with a strong offense to defeat 7th AMXS No. 2, 71-45, in intramural action Feb. 11.

Varsity’s Lacy McNeil slipped past two defenders with a crossover and nailed a long three, tying the game 15-15 with 9:45 left in the first half.

This was the last time that Varsity would have to play catch-up, and the closest the 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron No.2 would be in the game.

McNeil continued his offensive burst, leading a 16-2 scoring surge by the Varsity. His scoring frenzy in the first half gave the Varsity a commanding 20-point lead by half time.

The momentum picked up for AMXS in the opening second half, when Thomas Beckman picked off a pass and streaked down the court for an easy lay-up. The relentless offensive rebounding by the 7th AMXS No. 2 center, Adam Crothers, helped an eight-point scoring drive, led by Beckman, who had 17 points.

7th AMXS No. 2 dominated the rebounding column, with 40 boards against Varsity’s 27, but the Varsity defensive pressure smothered their opponents, causing multiple turnovers.

“Fatigue and careless turnovers really hurt us in the end,” said Michael Glackmeyer, 7th AMXS No. 2. “We couldn’t apply the type of pressure we were aiming for to prevent their scoring.”

The Varsity’s scoring onslaught continued after a stolen pass was converted for a runaway slam dunk by McNeil.

Roger Hill and Robert Earl led a two-man show in the second half, combining for 14 straight points, further stretching their lead 64-38.

“We played a good game, but still did not play to our full potential,” said Hill. “We need to have better decision making and eliminate stupid mistakes if we want to have a successful season.”

Youth baseball scores Little League certification

By Jennifer Hensley
Contributing Writer

The Dyess youth baseball program hit a home run recently when teams were certified by the Little League.

After nearly three years without official recognition by the organization, Youth Center Sports Director Billy Spencer recently announced the good news.

“This certification means a lot to Dyess. It gives the kids something special to strive for. It also means they’ll be able to compete in ways they haven’t been able to in a while,” said Mr. Spencer.

While children at Dyess have long had an opportunity to participate in youth baseball programs, certification means they will play at new levels in the local community, the region, and possibly even the nation.

The youth baseball program usually sports about 175 players, ranging in age from five to twelve. The youngest players participate in T-ball, and then eventually move on to a farm



league, where they’re given an opportunity to hone their skills and learn more about the specifics of the game. Advanced levels include the minor and major leagues with players ranging in age from 9 to 12.

Dyess players will compete with other Big Country teams and will ultimately have an opportunity to participate in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn.

According to Dyess Little League President Joe Clementi, certification is big news for the program.

“These kids are finally getting what they deserve,” said Clementi. “This means recognition for their hard work and efforts on a much larger scale.”

“It’s always been all about the kids, and having fun,” he added. “We want to focus on a team effort and certification means the kids will be recognized for that effort.”

The season kicks off with opening ceremonies April 17. Parents may register their players at the youth center until March 15.

Coaches, umpires, scorekeepers, and concession stand volunteers are also needed for the upcoming season.

For more information on the youth baseball program, or if you’d like to volunteer, please contact Mr. Spencer at 696-4797.

Sports Shorts

Looking for coaches

The fitness center is looking for individuals who are interested in coaching the varsity softball and volleyball teams. Interested people can call Tech. Sgt. Mark Gore at 696-5910, or e-mail him at mark.gore@dyess.af.mil.

Fitness center

◆ Massages are available at the fitness center. There are four choices of massages offered: full body (one hour) for \$35, 30 minutes for \$17.50, 15 minutes for \$12; and chair massage for \$25 (20 minutes). Purchase massages at the health and wellness center desk and bring your receipt to the appointment. For more information, call 672-6565.

Mesquite Grove Golf Course

- ◆ The Winter Series Golf Tournament continues Saturday.
- ◆ Airmen’s Golf Day is Sunday; E-1 through E-4 can golf for half price.
- ◆ Putters on the Run is now offering

delivery service on selected menu items Thursdays through Sundays. Delivery times are from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from noon to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The last delivery call must be made 30 minutes prior to closing. Delivery is free for orders of \$7 or more (50-cent charge if less than \$7).

- ◆ The Mesquite Grove Golf Course has an all-new Curbside Café “Canos Cacina” that will stop at your work area. Call 696-4384 to get your work area on the schedule.
- For more information, call 696-4384.

Youth baseball

Registration is underway for Little League baseball. For more information, call 696-4797.

Dyess Lanes

- ◆ Kid’s birthday special -- on their birthday, kids can get one game, shoe rental and a meal for \$3.50.
- ◆ The Dyess youth bowling league is open to children ages 5 to 18. Interested kids can still sign up to bowl in the Saturday Youth League that starts at 10 a.m.

- ◆ Bowl three games for the price of two during the Tuesday Night Special.
- ◆ At Music Thursday Rock while you Roll, games are 50 cents after 5 p.m.
- ◆ Sundays are Family Days -- Family Day special is \$1 per game all day.
- ◆ Thunder Alley is from 8 p.m. until closing every Saturday, \$8 per person or \$2 per game (including shoes). No one younger than 13 is allowed unless accompanied by an adult.
- ◆ The Air Combat Command Base Level Championship Bowling Tournament is March 6 and 7 and March 13 and 14. Entry fee is \$20. Male and female bowlers will compete in two categories: Scratch and handicap division for bowlers who established an average any time between August 2003 through February 2004. The scratch division is open to active-duty personnel with averages of 180 for men and 150 for women. The handicap division is open to all active duty, dependents, Department of Defense and nonappropriated fund employees. Each male and female winner at the base level will go to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., to compete for the ACC championship tournament April 6-10. For more information, call 696-2936.

Outdoor recreation

- ◆ Reserve the paintball field for unit stress buster challenges. The field is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Reservations are accepted until 5 p.m. Friday and must be a group of 10 or more. For more information or reservations, call 696-2402.
- ◆ Outdoor Recreation has paintball guns for sale. Stop in to see the selection or they can special order for your convenience.

Martial arts classes

The fitness center will be offering Kuk Sool Won classes Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 696-4306.

Golf for singles

Airmen who are single (unmarried, divorced, widowed, legally separated), 21 or older, enjoy playing golf and meeting other singles are invited to join the Dyess/Abilene Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association. Call 1-888-GOLFMATE, or visit them on the Web at www.singlesgolf.com.